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Attorney General John Ashcroft
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my views regarding the recent antitrust lawsuit between Microsoft and the federal government. After three long years of court battles, I was pleased to hear that a settlement was finally reached. I sincerely hope that no further legal action is being considered on the federal level.

Under the agreement, Microsoft has agreed to design future versions of Windows, beginning with an interim release of Windows XP, to provide a mechanism to make it easy for computer makers, consumers and software developers to promote non-Microsoft software within Windows. The mechanism will make it easy to add or remove access to features built in to Windows or to non-Microsoft software. Consumers will have the freedom to choose to change their configuration at any time.

Considering the many terms of the agreement, I see no reason for the federal government to pursue further litigation against Microsoft on any level. Not only would it be a waste of time and money, but also redundant. It is also about time we allow MS to continue to innovate and produce new products.

Please support the agreement.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Robert Friedrich